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# Christmas MESSAGE

From **Rev. Sonny E. Williams**, General Bishop - PAWI



# RISE AND SHINE

With a profound sense of joy, I embrace another opportunity to greet you in the season of the joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Ornamental decorations and widespread lighting of homes and communities, punctuate this remarkable season around the world. This Christmas tradition of lights is a fitting reminder of the prophet Isaiah's portrayal of the coming of Christ into the world. *"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine"* (Isa. 9:2 NLT)

Seemingly, darkness is spreading uncontrollably, with no clear solution available. The world and our region are witnessing an alarming number of conflicts and unrest, driven by the self-interest of world leaders. The bitter and bloody Russia-Ukraine conflict and the ongoing Hamas-Israel war continue to cause economic hardship and political insecurity world-wide. Sadly, the Caribbean region, which was once a symbol of peace and security is also facing its own challenges with a growing culture of guns and drugs. This emerging trend prompted Caribbean leaders to convene a Regional Symposium in April 2023, to address *"crime and violence as a public health concern"*.

Christmas points to that distinguishable light of hope in a world of dark despair. The darker the night the brighter the Light of the Word and our witness shine.

In his discourse on the incarnation of Christ, John speaks of the power of the light to dispel darkness. *"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. The light shineth in the darkness and the darkness apprehended it not."* (Jn 1:4-5 ASV). Darkness cannot apprehend light as a police officer can a criminal. When light enters, the darkness is no more.

I borrow from the prophet Isaiah in the sixtieth chapter and make a clarion call to PAWI: "Arise, shine for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord rises upon you. Arise PAWI! This call is not merely to curse the cultural darkness but to light candles. Every assembly must be a shining lighthouse, providing direction to a generation that is loose and drifting from the moorings of our tried-and-true biblical values. Every constituent, wherever you are planted to study, work, play or worship, shine Christ's love and truth in the darkness of sin and hopelessness.

It is humbling to have been tasked with leading this great fellowship in these challenging yet promising times. The resilience and courage of our Credential Workers and assemblies continue to be a source of encouragement and inspiration. My highest regards to you all for your commitment to keeping the light of the glorious gospel of Christ Shining.

Morine and I wish you a peaceful and restful season. May 2024 meet you in the best of health and in full blaze to do God's bidding.



# GENERAL EXECUTIVE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

## GENERAL OFFICERS



**Bishop Sonny Williams**  
GENERAL BISHOP

*May you experience the wonder of His abiding love as He guides you through each day of the coming year.*



**Rev. Raymond Boca**  
ASSISTANT GENERAL BISHOP

*May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives.*



**Rev. Nolan Warner**  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR

*Jesus is the reason for the season. Merry Christmas!*



**Rev. Ricardo Joseph**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WORLD MISSIONS

*May God fill your Yuletide season and all your days with immeasurable prosperity and joy!*



**Rev. Cheryl Ann Whiteman**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
CHURCH MINISTRIES

*Merry Christmas! May God richly bless you throughout the year.*



# GENERAL EXECUTIVE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

DISTRICT PRESIDING BISHOPS



**Rev. Lyndon Mottley**  
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, ST. KITTS  
& NEVIS, GUADELOUPE AND ST.  
MAARTEN

*May the true spirit of  
Christmas shine in your  
heart and light your path.*



**Rev. Selwyn Brathwaite**  
BARBADOS

*Sending prayers and  
hearty Christmas  
greetings to you.*



**Rev. Pat Glasgow**  
CENTRAL TRINIDAD

*May the holiday season  
bring you special  
moments and happy  
memories.*



**Rev. Jerry Laurent**  
DOMINICA

*From my family  
to yours, have a  
wonderful Christmas!*



**Rev. Christopher Baker**  
GRENADA

*May you have the gift of  
faith, the blessing of hope  
and the peace of His love at  
Christmas and always!*



**Rev. Raymond Boca**  
MONTSERAT

*Merry Christmas and  
all the best this holiday  
season!*



# GENERAL EXECUTIVE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

## DISTRICT PRESIDING BISHOPS



**Rev. Melch Pope**  
NORTH-EAST TRINIDAD

*May you have a season that's  
merry and bright with the  
light of God's love.*



**Rev. Derick Henry**  
NORTH-WEST TRINIDAD

*May God's blessings be  
yours this Christmas  
and always.*



**Rev. Anthony Roberts**  
SOUTH TRINIDAD

*May God bless your life  
with love and joy this  
holiday season.*



**Rev. Stephen Ollivierre**  
ST. VINCENT

*May you and your loved  
ones have a blessed  
Christmas.*



**Rev. Kendell Augustin**  
ST. LUCIA

*May the joy of God's  
abundant blessings  
and the peace of Jesus'  
presence be with you  
always.*



**Rev. Knowles McCall**  
TOBAGO

*May God bless and keep  
you during the holiday  
season and all through  
the year.*



**Rev. Don Hamilton**  
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

*May you have a  
joyful and blessed  
Christmas!*





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# GENERAL EXECUTIVE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

OTHER GENERAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS



**Rev. Desmond Ferrette**  
MEMBER AT LARGE

*Joy to the world, the Lord  
has come. Christmas  
Blessings!*



**Sis. Valerie Charles**  
MEMBER AT LARGE

*Christmas blessings  
wrapped in love, tied up  
with joy!*



**Sr. Candia George**  
MEMBER AT LARGE

*Remember to share the  
love of Christ...it's the  
best gift.*



**Sr. Andrea Phillip**  
CHAIRMAN, WEST BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS

*Merry Christmas with  
Love!*